

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today.

We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

Worshipping with Joy

In person at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Also livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqScZc2pNXw>

Downstairs

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3-10.

There is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

Check out our updated website – bedfordpca.org

Mother's Day Luncheon: May 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the church

EAL Ministry continues May 1 – 12:30-2 p.m.

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—On Romans, Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nathan and Laura Priddle.
- **Adult Bible study**—On Leviticus, led by Reid Campbell via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Radfords' home, studying the Sacraments.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on 1 Peter led by Laura Priddle meets Wednesday morning at 9:30. Come early for coffee, tea and snacks.

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell: cancer treatment to be effective
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Rena McCulloch: family of the week

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

Electronic giving: You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

At church: There is a plate for offerings on the back table.



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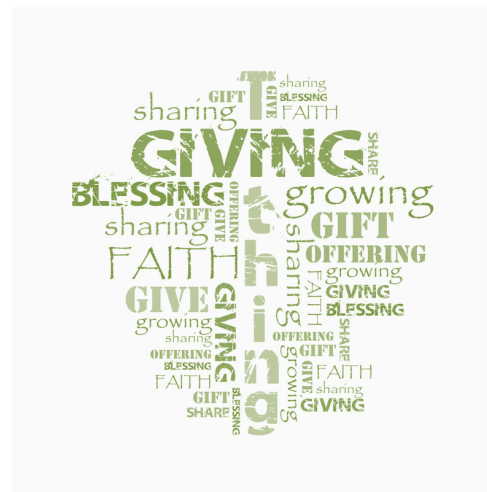
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Reflections

Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ and through us reveals the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God a sweet fragrance of Christ among those who are saved and among those who perish. To the one we are the fragrance of death, which brings death, and to the other the fragrance of life, which brings life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many are who peddle the word of God. Instead, being sent by God, we sincerely speak in Christ in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

“For since we see in Christ some things so human that they appear to share in every aspect in the common frailty of humanity, and some things so divine that they are manifestly the expression of the primal and ineffable nature of the Divine, the narrowness of human understanding is inadequate to cope. Overcome with amazement and admiration, it knows not where to turn.”

Tom Holland, Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship – from Psalm 147

Minister: Praise the Lord!

**People: For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Minister: he Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**People: He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.**

Minister: He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Minister: he Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

* **Hymn of Praise:** Crown Him with Many Crowns

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 45:22-25*

Call to Repentance: 1 John 1:7-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 22

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Songs of Renewal:

Jesus Bids Us Shine

The Stand

New Testament Reading: *Colossians 4:2-6*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-16*

Sermon: Salt and Light

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Salt and Light